



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

NEW YORK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
JACOB K. JAVITS FEDERAL BUILDING
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10278-0090

December 12, 2001

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Eastern Permits Section

SUBJECT: Application No. 2001-01530-J1 by NJ Department of
Transportation

John McCleerey, Project Manager
Division of Capital Program Management
New Jersey Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 600
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0600

Dear Mr. McCleerey:

The New York District Corps of Engineers has completed its review of your request for Department of the Army authorization to fill approximately 0.371 acres of freshwater wetlands in conjunction with re-alignment of Route 18, construction of multi-use path (MUP) and new Ramp D from River Road. Mitigation for the wetland impact would be accomplished by creating of 1.086 acres of wetlands on-site. The site is adjacent to Raritan River at the Township of Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Based on information submitted to this office, and accomplishment of notification in accordance with applicable federal requirements, our review of the project indicates that an individual permit is not required. It appears that the activities within the jurisdiction of this office could be accomplished under Department of the Army Nationwide General Permit Number 14. Nationwide Permit No. 14 is prescribed in the March 9, 2000 Federal Register, Final Notice of Issuance and Modification of Nationwide Permits (65 FR 12818). The work may be performed without further authorization from this office provided the activity complies with the permit conditions listed in Section B, No. 14, Section C, the following special condition and any applicable regional conditions, copies enclosed.

Special Condition

(A) The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States

on account of any such removal or alteration.

This determination covers only the work described in the submitted material. ~~Any major changes in the project may require additional authorizations from the New York District.~~

Care should be taken so that construction materials, including debris, do not enter any waterway to become drift or pollution hazards. You are to contact the appropriate state and local government officials to ensure that the subject work is performed in compliance with their requirements.


This verification is valid for a period of two years from the date of this letter, unless the nationwide permit is modified, suspended or revoked. This verification will remain valid for two years from the date of this letter if the activity complies with the terms of any subsequent modifications of the nationwide permit authorization. If the nationwide permits are suspended, revoked, or modified in such a way that the activity would no longer comply with the terms and conditions of a nationwide permit, and the proposed activity has commenced, or is under contract to commence, the permittee shall have 12 months from the date of such action to complete the activity.

This authorization is conditional on the applicant's receipt of the required Waterfront Development Permit/Water quality Certificate or waiver from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). No work may be accomplished until the required approval from NJDEP had been obtained.

Within 30 days of the completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by this permit, you are to sign and submit the attached compliance certification form to this office.

If any questions should arise concerning this matter, please contact Sophie Ettinger, of my staff, at (212) 264-3912.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marc Helman", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Marc Helman
Acting Chief
Eastern Permits Section

Enclosures